THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Expert Group constituted by the Planning Commission has suggested measures for creating incentives for more efficient energy and water use.

The Central Ground Water Board had organized a workshop to discuss the recommendations made by the above Expert Group.

The National Water Policy, 2006 stipulates that water charges for various uses should be fixed in such a way that they cover at least the operation and maintenance charges of providing service initially and a part of the capital costs subsequently. It further states that the subsidy on water rates to the disadvantaged and poorer sections of society should be well targeted and transparent.

Pendency of projects from Chhattisgarh with C.W.C.

†3846. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects from Chhattisgarh which are pending with Central Water Commission; and

(b) the status of their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The details of projects from Chhattisgarh which are under various stages of appraisal in Central Water Commission are given as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Major/ Medium	River/Basin	District Benefitted	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Th. Ha)	Estt. Cost (Cr.)
1.	Kelo Project	Major	Kelo/ Mahanadi	Raigarh	December 2005	34.555	365.66
2.	Rajiv Augmentation Scheme (Phase-II)	Major	Mahanadi/ Mahanadi	Raipur	November 2004	28.0	127.30
3.	Pairi High Dam & Mahanadi Link Project	Major	Pairi/ Mahanadi	Raipur & Dhamtari	May 2006	77.6	726.36
4.	Sondur Reservoir Project	Major	Sondur/ Mahanadi	Raipur & Dhamtari	October 2005	38.47	394.1
5.	Sukha Nalla Project	Medium	Shivnath/ Mahanadi	Rajnandgaon	February 2007	6.270	91.65
6.	Koserteda Irrigation project	Medium	Koserteda/ Indravati/ Godavari	Bastar	August 2002	11.120	133.63

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The clearance of these projects of the State Government will depend upon the promptness with which the State Government complies to the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.

Approval of dam projects

†3847. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the Centre's role in according approval to dam projects; and

(b) whether in the light of Madhya Pradesh High Court's decision to alternatively provide land to the project-affected persons Government would take decision on it's own with regard to other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water resources development projects including the big dam projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. However, as per the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission *vide* their letter. No. 16(12)99-WR dated 30.11.2000, all major and multipurpose and medium irrigation and flood control including drainage projects which have Inter-State ramifications will be subject to techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission and then approval by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects in the Ministry of Water Resources before the investment clearance of such projects/schemes is accorded by the Planning Commission.

(b) Several State Governments have their own policies on Rehabilitation & Resettlement. The Government of India has also adopted a National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy, 2007 (NRRP-2007) which *inter-alia* provides that the State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings or agencies and other requiring bodies shall be at liberty to put in place greater benefit levels than those prescribed in the NRRP-2007.

Objection of Hogenakkal Drinking Water Scheme in Tamil Nadu

3848. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has objected to Hogenakkal Drinking Water Scheme of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is being undertaken after agreement among the Centre, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inter-State meeting was taken by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) with the officers of the Cauvery basin states on 29.6.98 regarding drinking water supply schemes of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu where representatives of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu were also present. While concluding the meeting, Secretary (WR) expressed

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